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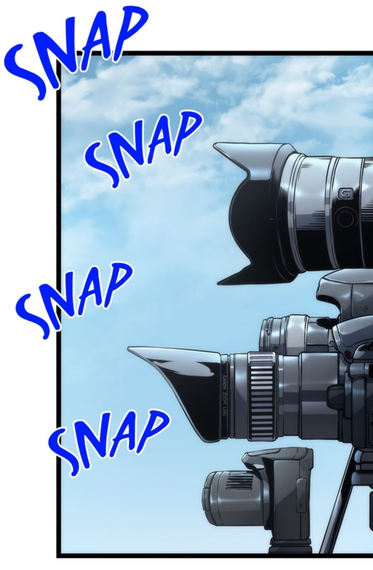
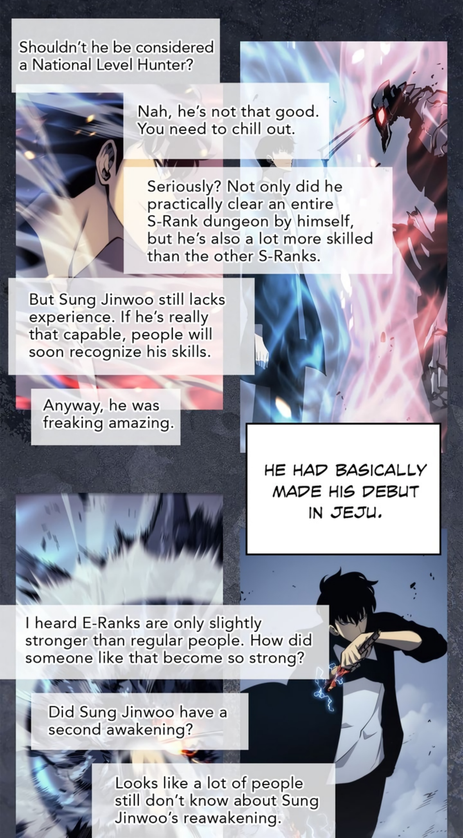
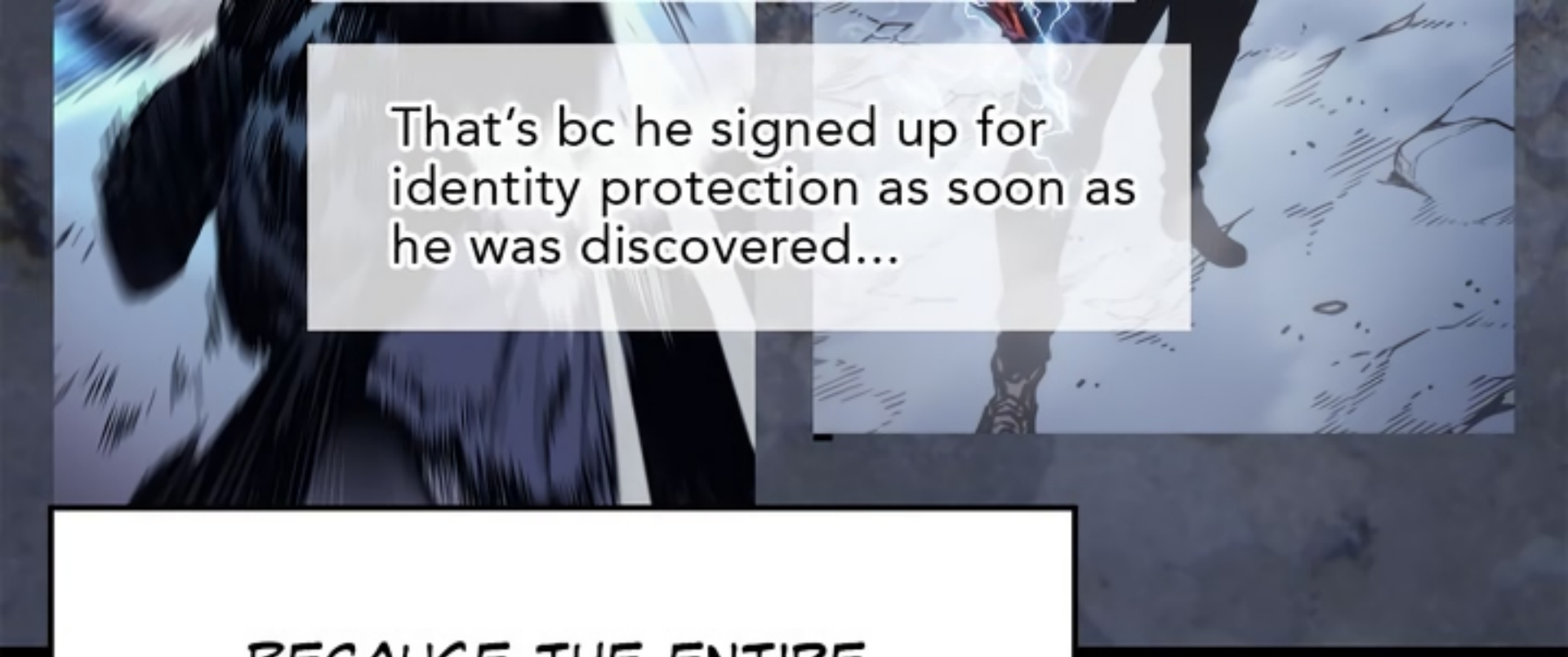


When the Jeju Island raid finally came to a close, it was all anyone could talk about.

Wow... I'm at a loss for words.
I thought it wasn't possible to summon that many beasts.
Watching Sung Jinwoo's beasts fight the ants cured my 10-year battle with cancer.
That was awesome. He's the GOAT.
I lost my parents four years ago in Jeju.
I'm pretty sure Sung Jinwoo will never see this post though...

During the raid, the public got a chance to see Sung Jinwoo in action for the first time since he became an S-Rank.

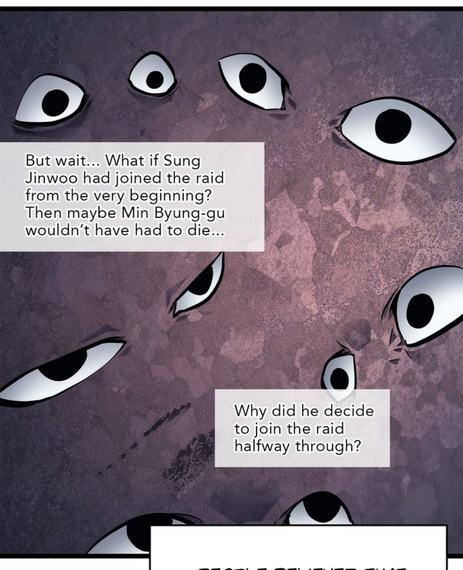

Shouldn't he be considered a National Level Hunter?
Nah, he's not that good. You need to chill out.
Seriously? Not only did he practically clear an entire S-Rank dungeon by himself, but he's also a lot more skilled than the other S-Ranks.
But Sung Jinwoo still lacks experience. If he's really that capable, people will soon recognize his skills.
Anyway, he was freaking amazing.
He had basically made his debut in Jeju.
I heard E-Ranks are only slightly stronger than regular people. How did someone like that become so strong?
Did Sung Jinwoo have a second awakening?
Looks like a lot of people still don't know about Sung Jinwoo's reawakening.



BECAUSE THE ENTIRE COUNTRY HAD BEEN INVESTED IN THE SUCCESS OF THE RAID, PEOPLE COULDN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT IT...

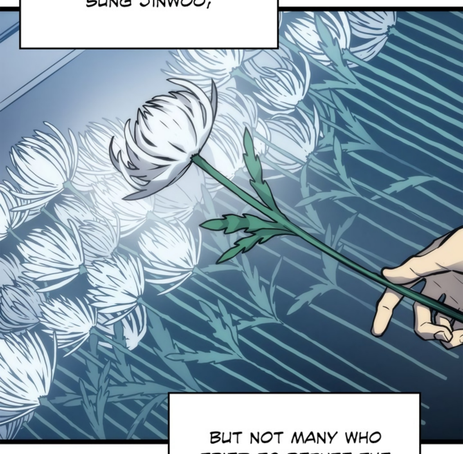
...AND SUNG JINWOO WAS A HOT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.

ALTHOUGH HIS ACTIONS WERE PRAISED, HE WAS UNABLE TO AVOID CRITICISM.


But wait... What if Sung Jinwoo had joined the raid from the very beginning? Then maybe Min Byung-gu wouldn't have had to die...
Why did he decide to join the raid halfway through?

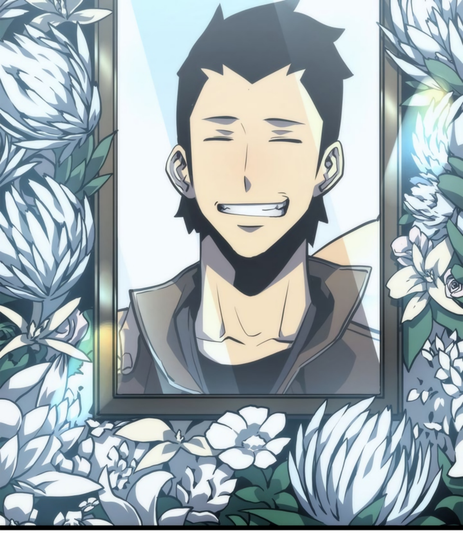
PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT THE DEATH TOLL COULD HAVE BEEN MINIMIZED IF HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID SOONER.

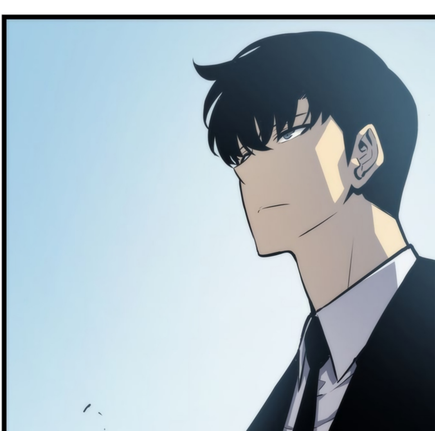
THERE WERE MANY WHO VOICED THEIR SUPPORT FOR SUNG JINWOO,

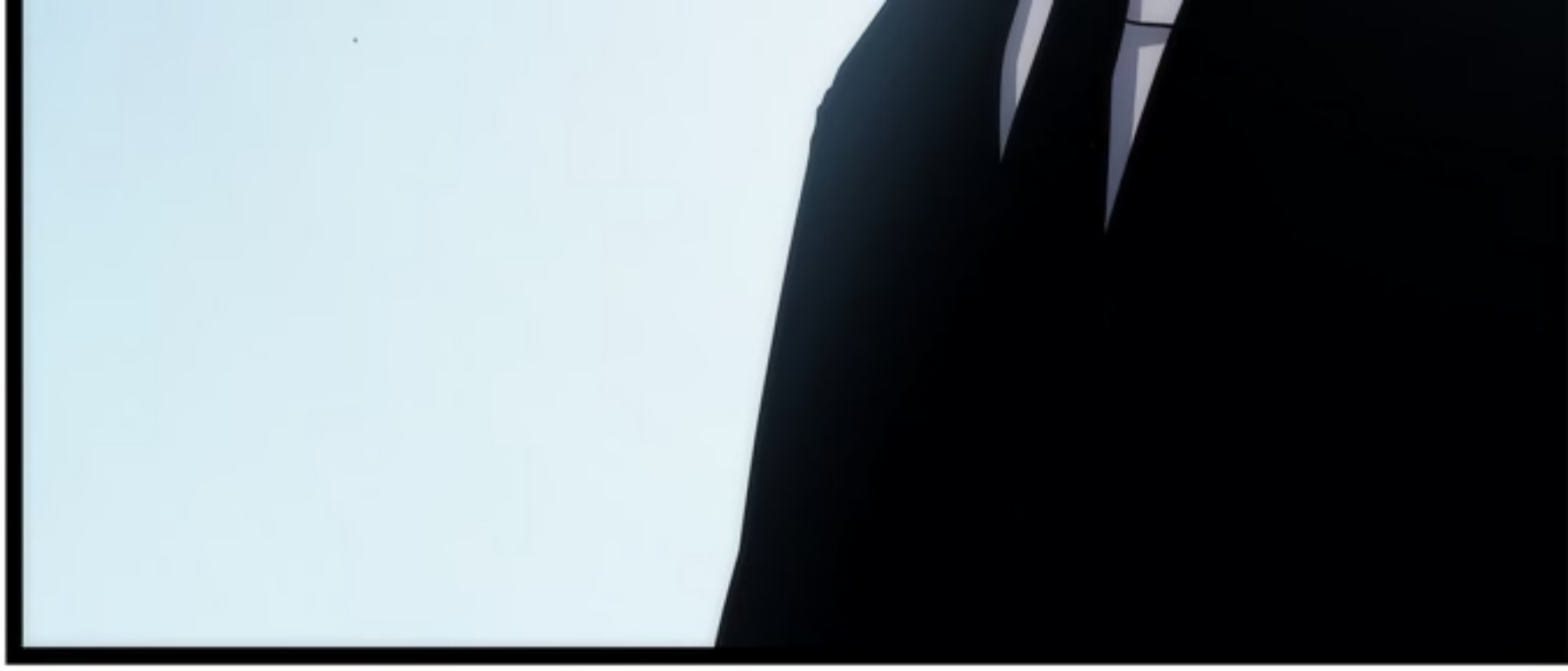


BUT NOT MANY WHO TRIED TO REFUTE THE CRITICISMS AGAINST HIM,

SINCE IT WAS TRUE THAT CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED.







I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT A SINGLE HERO COULDN'T END A WAR BY HIMSELF.

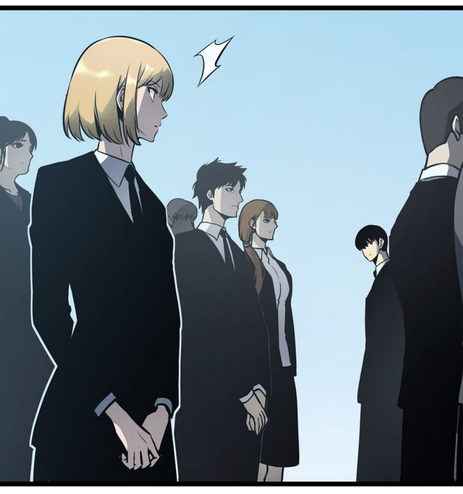
BUT AFTER RECENT EVENTS,

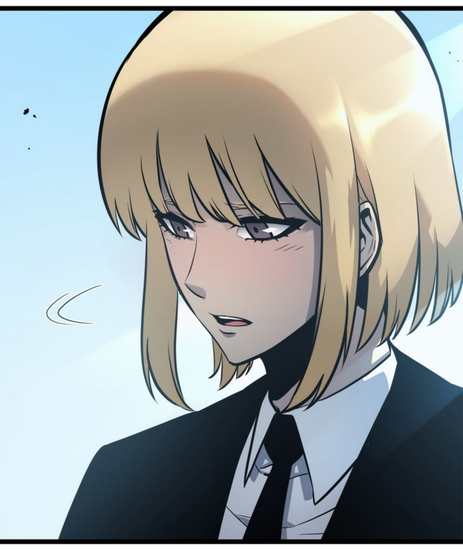
I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT MAYBE I WAS WRONG.

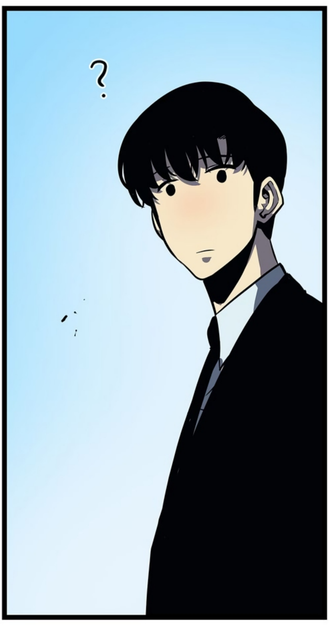
CHIN UP, MR. SUNG.

YOU WERE ABLE TO PUT AN END TO THIS TRAGEDY.

THANK YOU.







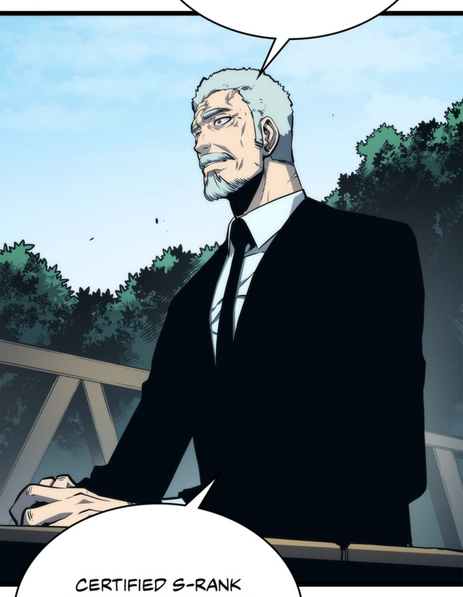
A TOTAL OF 4,801 HUNTERS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIFTH JEJU ISLAND RAID, AND 727 AWAKENED CIVILIANS WERE CALLED TO ARMS.

A TOTAL OF 64 AWAKENED BEINGS AND 32 CIVILIANS DIED IN BATTLE.

THE DEATH TOLL WAS DISMAL, BUT THE FINAL RAID HAD THE LEAST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS FOUR ATTEMPTS.

SO...

...YOU'RE PLANNING ON FORMING YOUR OWN GUILD?



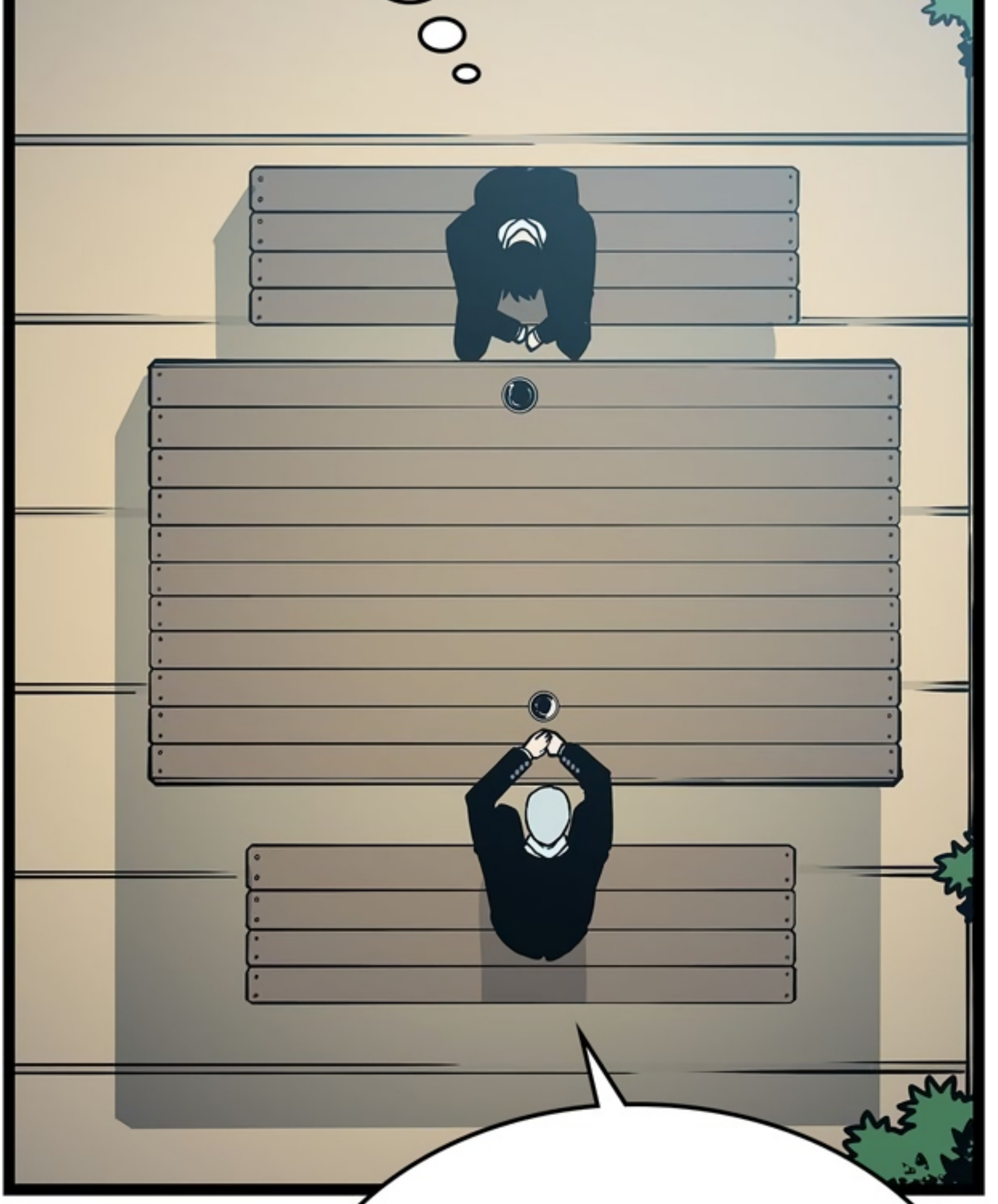
CERTIFIED S-RANK HUNTERS DON'T NEED TO OBTAIN A GUILD MASTER'S LICENSE.

YOU JUST NEED TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE ASSOCIATION.

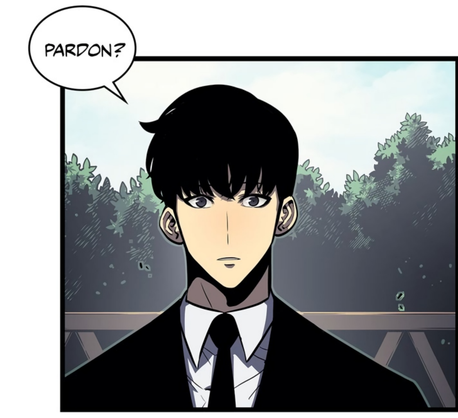
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

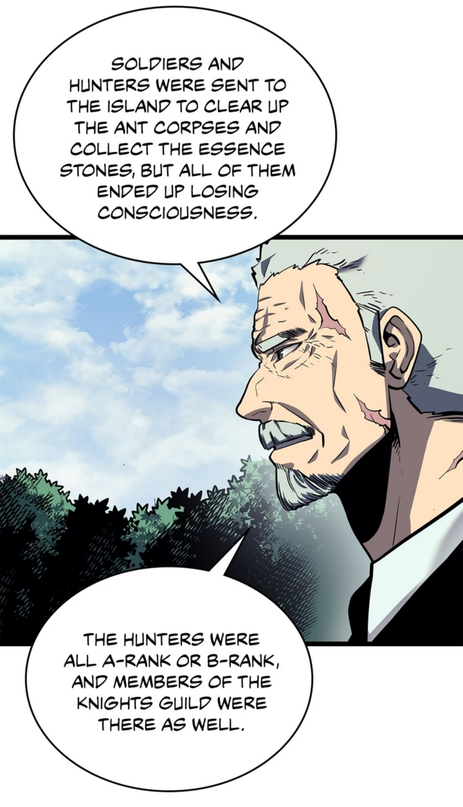
...OKAY.

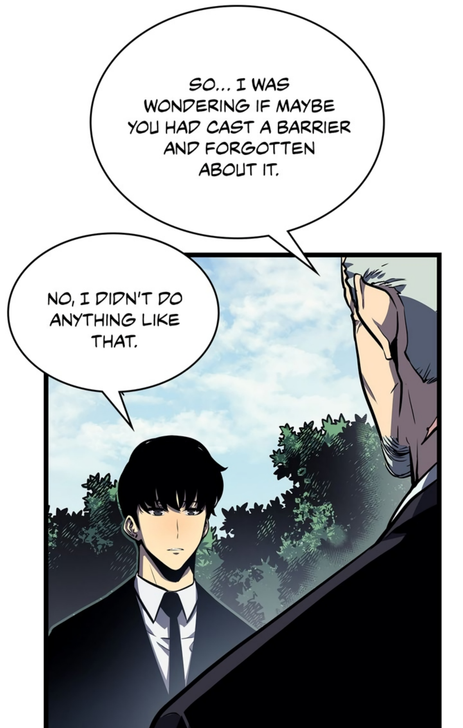
I SHOULD LOOK INTO WHAT KIND OF BENEFITS I GET AS AN S-RANK WHILE I'M AT IT.



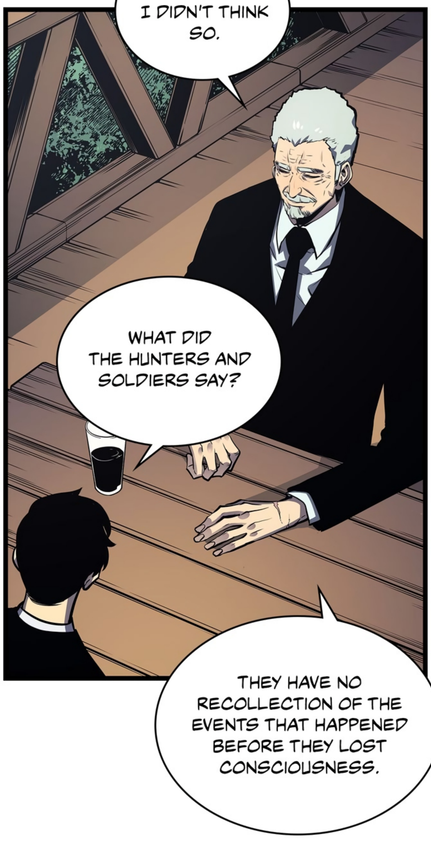
BY THE WAY, DID YOU CAST SOME KIND OF BARRIER ON JEJU ISLAND?


PARDON?

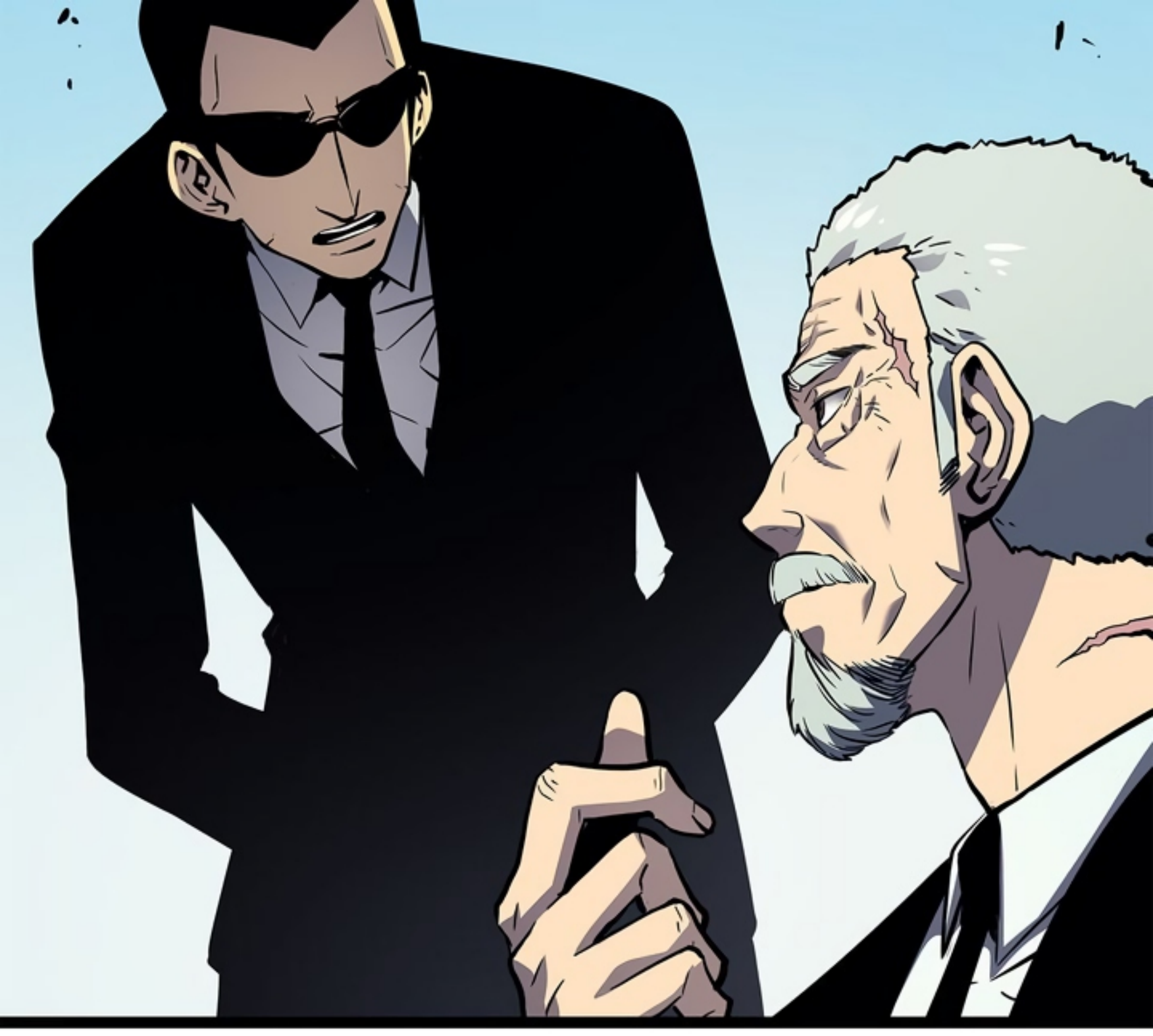

SOLDIERS AND HUNTERS WERE SENT TO THE ISLAND TO CLEAR UP THE ANT CORPSES AND COLLECT THE ESSENCE STONES, BUT ALL OF THEM ENDED UP LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS.
THE HUNTERS WERE ALL A-RANK OR B-RANK, AND MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS GUILD WERE THERE AS WELL.


SO... I WAS WONDERING IF MAYBE YOU HAD CAST A BARRIER AND FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.
NO, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

I SEE...


I DIDN'T THINK SO.
WHAT DID THE HUNTERS AND SOLDIERS SAY?
THEY HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THEY LOST CONSCIOUSNESS.

FRANKLY SPEAKING, WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVEN KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE PUT UNDER A MAGIC SPELL.
...
COULD IT HAVE BEEN A TRAP LEFT BEHIND BY THE ANTS?
MR. GO.



AH, I MUST GET GOING. IT SEEMS A GUEST OF MINE HAS ARRIVED EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

DON'T MENTION IT.

I SHOULD HEAD BACK, TOO.

EXCUSE ME,

ARE YOU MR. SUNG JINWOO?
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MR. SUNG.
MY NAME IS ADAM WHITE, AND I AM A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HUNTERS.
THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HUNTERS?

CALL ME ADAM.

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR SHOWING UP LIKE THIS OUT OF THE BLUE, BUT YOU'RE A HARD MAN TO TRACK DOWN.

I EVEN STOPPED BY YOUR OFFICE.

HE WENT TO MY OFFICE?

AH, IS HE...

...THE PERSON JINHO MENTIONED?

OH, YEAH. SOMEONE WAS LOOKING F YOU, S

FOR ME?

WHO?

IT WAS A FOREIGNER...

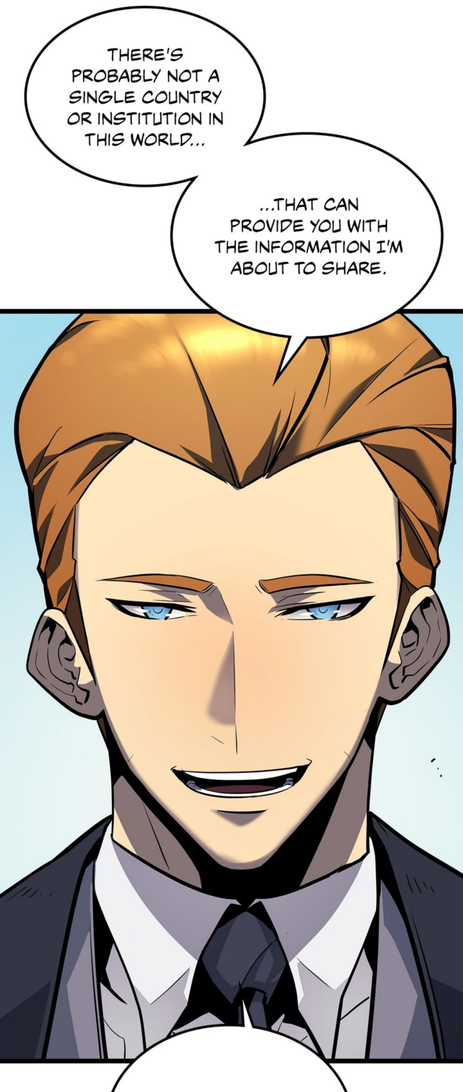
THEY WANT YOU TO GIVE THEM A CALL. THEY SAID THEY'D BE IN KOREA UNTIL THE 17TH OF JULY.

A FOREIGNER. WHO COULD IT BE?

WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH ME?

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION WITH YOU, MR. SUNG.

INFORMATION...?


THERE'S PROBABLY NOT A SINGLE COUNTRY OR INSTITUTION IN THIS WORLD...
...THAT CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION I'M ABOUT TO SHARE.

BESIDES US, THAT IS.

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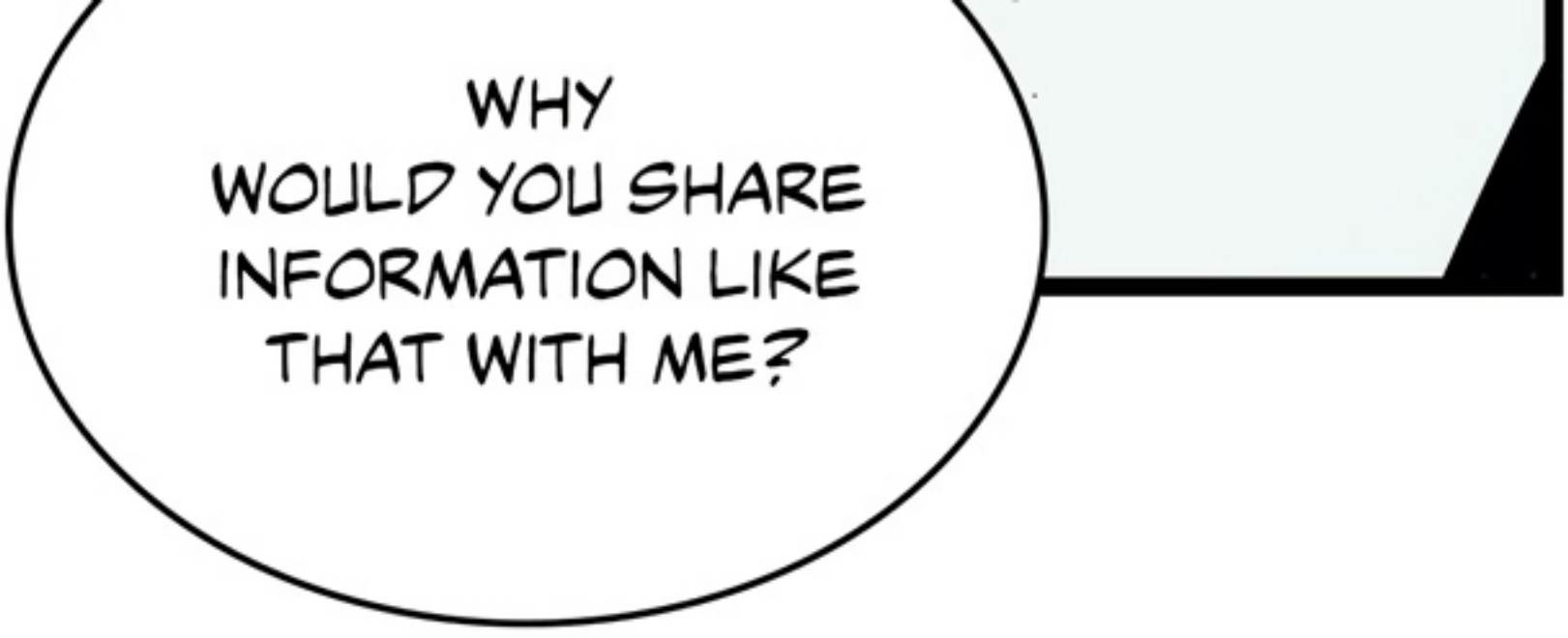
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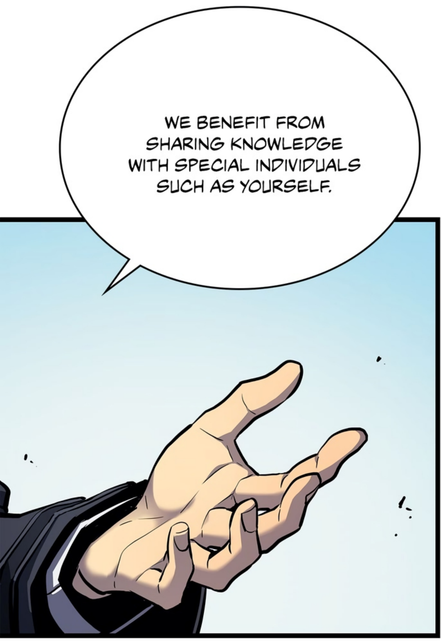
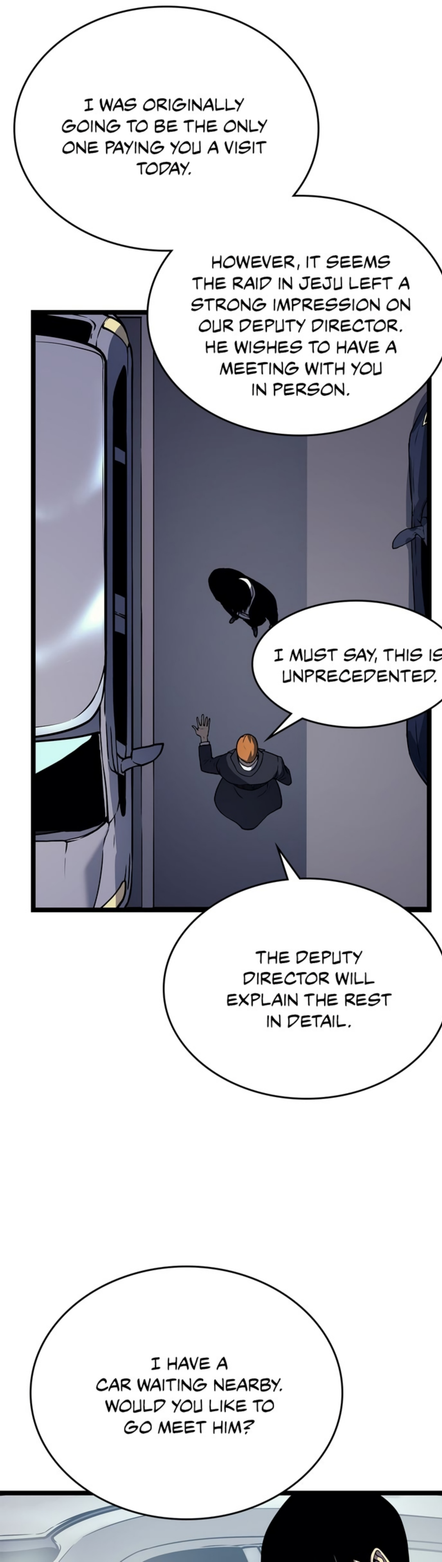
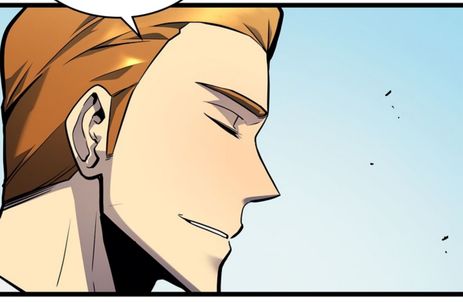

WE BENEFIT FROM SHARING KNOWLEDGE WITH SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS YOURSELF.


I WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO BE THE ONLY ONE PAYING YOU A VISIT TODAY.
HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THE RAID IN JEJU LEFT A STRONG IMPRESSION ON OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR. HE WISHES TO HAVE A MEETING WITH YOU IN PERSON.
I MUST SAY, THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED.
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR WILL EXPLAIN THE REST IN DETAIL.
I HAVE A CAR WAITING NEARBY. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO MEET HIM?

I DON'T KNOW IF THE INFORMATION YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH ME IS RELIABLE.

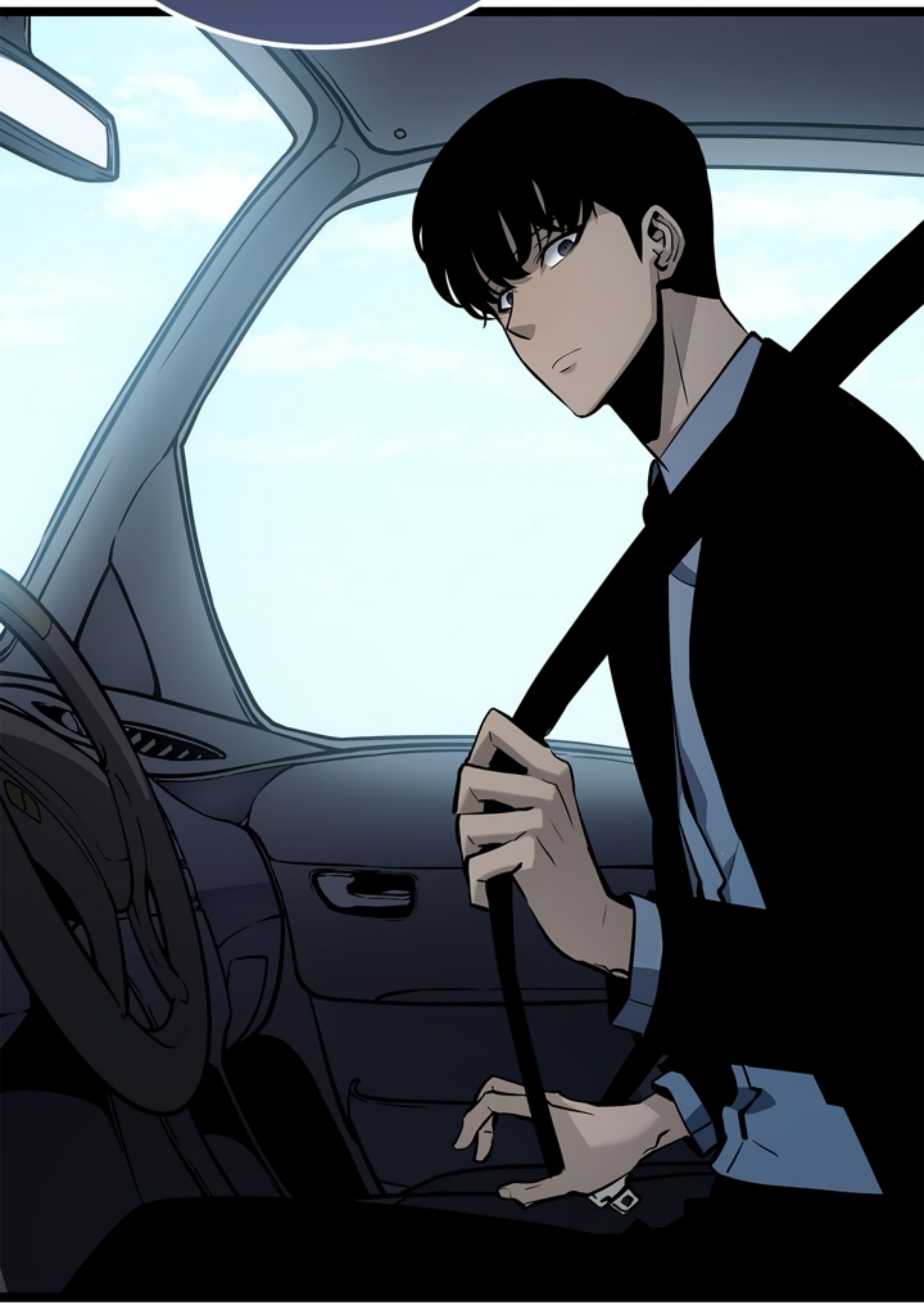
I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL AFTER GIVING IT SOME THOUGHT.

HOW SILLY OF ME TO FORGET.

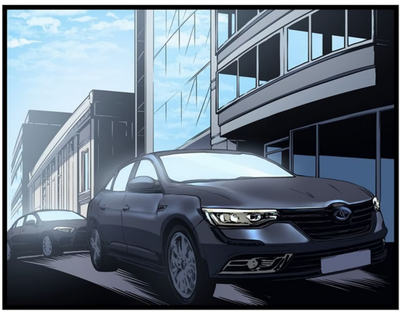


A GOOD HAND SHOULD NEVER BE KEPT HIDDEN WHEN STRIKING A DEAL.

AN UPGRADER...



...IS AN "AWAKENED BEING WHO CAN ENHANCE THE ABILITIES OF ANOTHER AWAKENED BEING." EVER HEARD OF THEM BEFORE?

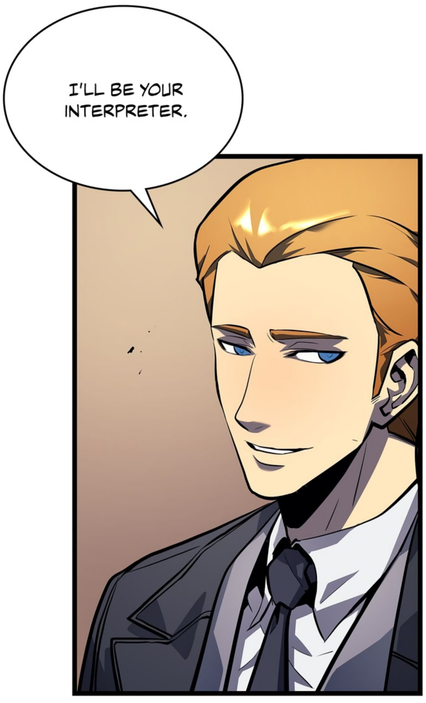


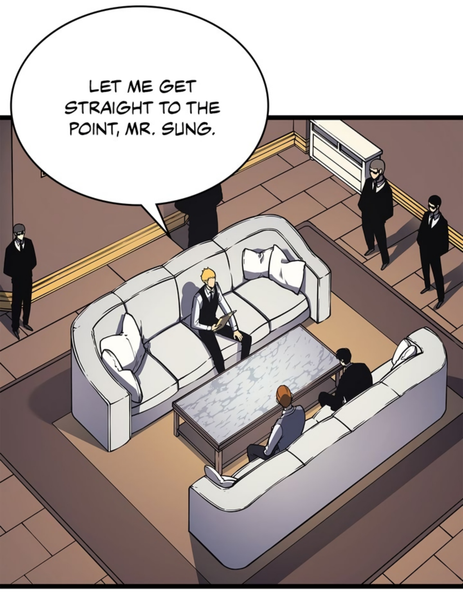
SCREECH!

WE'RE HERE.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
MY NAME IS MICHAEL CONNOR, AND I AM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HUNTERS.

HELLO, I'M
SUNG JINWOO.


I'LL BE YOUR INTERPRETER.


LET ME GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, MR. SUNG.

THESE HERE ARE IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS.
SLIDE

THEY USUALLY TAKE ANYWHERE FROM ONE TO TWO YEARS TO BE PROCESSED.

HOWEVER, WE'RE WILLING TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU.

ONE SECOND.

JUST SAY THE WORD AND YOU'LL BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN ONE SECOND.

...

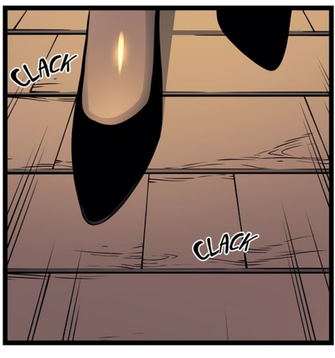
I CAME HERE BECAUSE MR. WHITE TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD SOME INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH ME.

AN AWAKENED BEING WHO CAN ENHANCE THE ABILITIES OF ANOTHER AWAKENED BEING...
AN UPGRADER.

IS IT
REALLY POSSIBLE TO
UPGRADE A HUNTER'S
ABILITIES?

GRIN
ACTUALLY, SOMEONE WHO POSSESES SUCH POWERS IS HERE WITH US RIGHT NOW.

PLEASE TELL MS. SELNER TO COME IN.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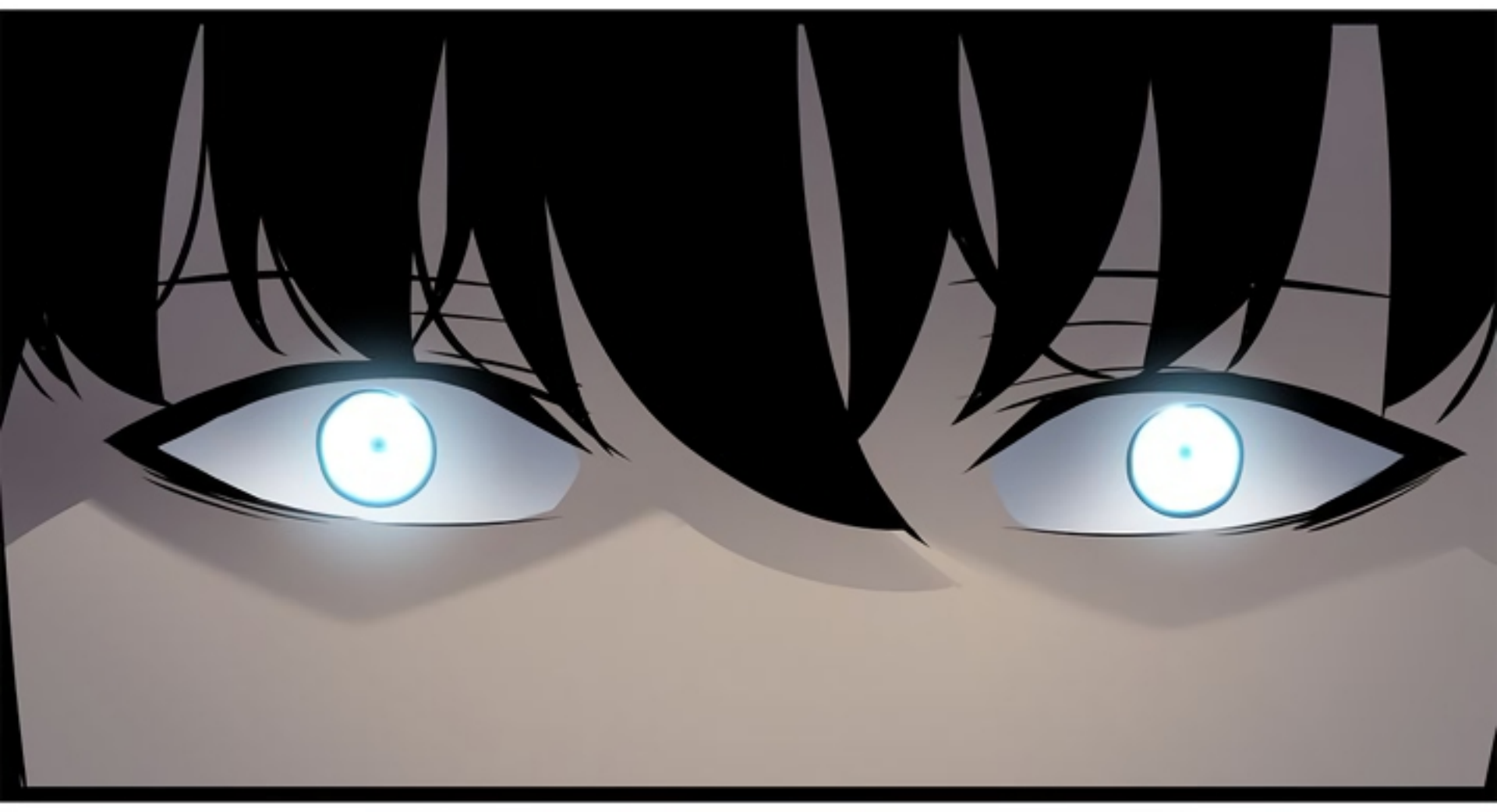

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